

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(1). Applicant respectfully submits that since it cannot prove a negative, that the Applicants specification teaches operation as claimed. Applicant requests the examiner to point out any portion of the specification that the specification teaches otherwise if there is a concern.

Claims 1-12 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rapaport et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,890,152.

Claims 13-15 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hochmuth, U.S. Patent No. 6,046,741 in view of Rapaport et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,890,152.

A Three Month Extension of Time is included herewith along with the requisite fee.

No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Examiner is authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account #50-1752 if any additional fees are required.

If the Examiner has any further issues, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by phone where possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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